



KENYATTA NATIONAL HOSPITAL

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DEPARTMENT: INFECTION PREVENTION & CONTROL

TRANSPORT OF A PATIENT WITH EBOLA TO AN APPROPRIATE HEALTH FACILITY



1. Scope

This procedure describes the process of transporting a patient suspected or confirmed to have Ebola to another health facility.

2. Purpose

To ensure that the patient suspected or confirmed to have Ebola is safely transported to the health facility by the shortest route possible and without infection of non-infected attending staff.

3. Terms and Definitions

- 3.1 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): specialized clothing or equipment worn by an individual for protection against infectious material
- 3.2 DDCS: Deputy Director Clinical Services
- 3.3 Ambulance disinfection team: Designated trained staff working in the Ebola response team.
- 3.4 Ebola response team: Designated clinical team working under the Ebola Threat Preparedness Committee at KNH.

4. Responsibilities

- 4.1 The DDCS has the overall responsibility for ensuring that this procedure remains adequate for the intended use or purpose.
- 4.2 The Head of Unit: Infection Control response team has the responsibility for ensuring the development, review and maintenance of this SOP.
- 4.3 The Ebola response team and ambulance disinfection team have the responsibility of ensuring implementation of the procedure for transporting the patient.

5. Method

Requirements:

Full PPE

Patient transport equipment (wheelchair, stretcher)

- 5.1 Inform the KNH ambulance and disinfection team to be on standby.
- 5.2 Inform the receiving health facility and confirm their readiness.
- 5.3 Drive the ambulance to a site nearest to the patient.
- 5.4 The patient care team will load the patient into the designated vehicle or ambulance. The patient care team loading the patient into the vehicle must be in full PPE.
- 5.5 The health care worker accompanying the patient must be in full PPE.
- 5.6 The ambulance drives off to the appropriate health facility using the shortest and safest route.
- 5.7 The public health officer shall ensure the area, patient transport equipment and vehicle are disinfected.



6.0 Reference

- 6.1 Ebola & Marburg Outbreak Control Guidance Manual Version 2.0 Peter Thomson MSF 2007
- 6.2 Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Care of Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Filovirus Haemorrhagic Fever in Health-Care Settings, with Focus on Ebola August 2014 World Health Organisation